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Board of Planning Grafton Municipal Center 30 Providence Road Grafton, MA 01519

PLANNING BOARD GRAFTON, MA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner of 23 Greany Drive and a resident of Grafton for 26 years. I have reviewed the proposed project by Crown Castle Towers to build a Cell Tower on 84 Snow Road Rear. I strongly oppose the building of a cell tower so close to a residential neighborhood.

My property directly abuts the easement and access road proposed which will cause considerable damage to the land not to mention the building of the project and road will be a disruption to the residential neighborhood.

- 1. The variance requested should be denied, as Crown Castle has not provided clear evidence as to why this cell tower will not violate town zoning by laws of a residential neighborhood as well the noise level and radiation emanating from this structure. Currently our neighborhood has to deal with the noise from the Graton/Upton railway on a daily basis. This structure is sure to add to the noise level we currently have to contend with.
- 2. As a matter of interest related to conservation and town by laws, which I had to abide by when I attempted to build an addition on to my house, 9 years ago I was sent to the Conservation Commission by the Town Board of Permits and was told my addition could not encroach on the wet lands behind my home or disturb the purple salamander endangered species living in the pools back there. Crown Castle should be required to abide by these same zoning by laws as I did.
- 3. I do not understand why the cell tower on Indian Path cannot continue to be used for service. It does not make sense why a new one needs to be built. We never received any answer to this question when we attended the meeting with Crown Castle and their engineer and attorney, in June, other than the relationship was no longer viable. This needs to be explored more fully.
- 4. There many children who live and play in this neighborhood as well as people who have survived cancer. I see no review of the effects of any radioactivity emitting from the tower to the residents health.
- 5. I, along with the homeowners in the entire neighborhood, are concerned about the impact that a cell tower, in plain view, will have on our property values. I see no information provided by Crown Castle, which addresses this important issue. For

property values to decrease by 20% from the close proximity to the tower is completely unacceptable.

In conclusion, the granting of the variance to zoning by laws requested by Crown Castle should be denied. It is not in the public interest to build another tower so close to the one, which already exists on Indian Path. A residential neighborhood will be significantly impacted as I have outlined above.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

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